

Docket No.: 50195-262

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of

Naoki HARA, et al.

Serial No.: 09/897,116

Filed: July 03, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1745

Examiner: Susy Tsang Foster

For: ~~SOLID OXIDE FUEL CELL HAVING PEROVSKITE SOLID ELECTROLYTES~~

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of April 8, 2003 in this application. In the action, the Examiner required election between a first category of species involving an election between first species, second species and third species and a second category of species involving election between different elements of the second category of species.

In response to the requirement for election in the first category of species,

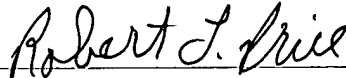
~~Applicants elect the first specie directed to claims 1-5, drawn to a solid oxide fuel cell.~~

With respect to the second category of species, Applicants elect Nd for La, Sr for the A component and Mg for the B component. All of elected claims 1-5 from the first category of species are considered readable on the elected species from the second category of species.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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